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August 16, 1976

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BESS MYERSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 20, 1976,

WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF MYERSON WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT INDICATED.

BORN JULY 16, 1924, NEW YORK CITY, ^{N.Y.} HAS ONE CHILD, RESIDES 3 EAST 71ST STREET, NEW YORK CITY, AND SINCE 1969 HAS BEEN COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR CITY OF NEW YORK.

RECEIVED B.A. DEGREE, 1945, HUNTER COLLEGE, NEW YORK CITY.

EMPLOYED WOR-TV, NEW YORK, 1947 TO 1951. FROM 1951 TO 1959, WAS MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES, THE BIG PAYOFF, CBS-TV. FROM 1954 TO 1955, WAS COMMERCIAL HOSTESS, PHILCO PLAYHOUSE, NBC-TV, AND JACKIE GLEASON SHOW, CBS-TV. FROM 1954 TO 1968, WAS TV COMMENTATOR, MISS AMERICA PAGEANT, ABC-TV. FROM 1960 TO 1968, WAS CO-COMMENTATOR, TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE, PASADENA,

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CALIFORNIA. FROM 1958 TO 1968, WAS PANELIST, I'VE GOT A SECRET,
CBS-TV. FROM 1961 TO 1962, WAS MEMBER, NEWS STAFF, MUTUAL
BROADCASTING COMPANY.

NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA
COVERING ENTIRE ADULT LIFE, INCLUDING IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS
OF ALL CLOSE RELATIVES, AND SET OUT LEADS AT ONCE. FURNISH
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WHITE HOUSE DESIRES THIS CASE BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS
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MYERSON, Bella

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER
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Description and Related Data: BESS MYERSON GRANT

Race: unknown

Sex: F

Height: 70"

Weight: unknown

Hair: Blk

Eyes: Bro

Date and Place of Birth: 7-16-24 - NY

Scars and Marks: unknown

Address: (in 1970) 25 Sutton Place New York 122, U.S.A.
Meurice Hotel, Bury Street, St James, S.W.1.

Occupation: Research worker with a Home Economics firm

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

August 16, 1976

TO: ROBERT MOORE, FBI
FROM: JANE DANNENHAUER
SUBJECT: FBI INVESTIGATIONS (PLEASE EXPEDITE)

Subject's Name Bess Myerson

Date of Birth July 16, 1924 Place of Birth New York, New York

Present Address: 3 East 71st Street, New York, New York

We request: Copy of Previous Report

Name Check

X Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

White House Staff Position

X Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

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X Biography

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BESS MYERSON

MYERSON, BESS, TV performer; b. N.Y.C., July 16, 1924; d. Louis and Bella Myerson; B.A., Hunter Coll., 1945; Dr. Pub. Service, Seton Hall U., 1972; L.A.D., L.I.U., 1972; 1 dau., Barbara C. Piro soloist Carnegie Hall, N.Y.C., 1946; began prof. career Sta. WOR-TV, N.Y.C., 1947-51; mistress ceremonies The Big Payoff, CBS-TV, 1951-59; coroml. hostess Philco Playhouse, NBC-TV, also Jackie Gleason Show, CBS-TV, 1954-55; TV commentator Miss Am. Pageant, ABC, 1954-68; co-commentator Tournament of Roses, 1960-68; panelist I've Got a Secret, CBS, 1958-63; news staff Mut. Broadcasting Co., 1961-62; commr. Consumer Affairs for City N.Y., 1969—. Lectr. on The Distaff Side, maj. U.S. cities, 1964-68. Greater N.Y. chmn. Bonds for Israel, 1965-70. Chmn. Hunter Coll. Centennial Fund, N.Y.C., 1964—. Trustee Friends of Music N.Y.C. Jr. High Schs., League Sch. Seriously Disturbed Children. Recipient Outstanding Achievement award Hunter Coll., 1955; Presdl. medal, 1970; named Woman of Year, Anti-Defamation League, 1965; fellow Met. Mus. Art. Home; 25 Sutton Pls New York City NY Office: 80 Lafayette St New York City NY 10013

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amendment of the House to the bill (S. 22) for the general revision of the Copyright Law, title 17 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

The House has passed the following joint resolutions in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 1022. A joint resolution providing for the designation of the week beginning October 3, 1976, and ending October 9, 1976, as "National Gifted Children Week" and

H.J. Res. 1107. A joint resolution to provide for the printing and distribution of the Precedents of the House of Representatives compiled and prepared by Lewis Deschler.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 1096. Joint resolution making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the repair and replacement of facilities on Guam damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Pamela, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BURDICK).

RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate recess under the order.

The motion was agreed to and, at 1:14 a.m., the Senate recessed, pursuant to the order, to reconvene at 9 a.m. Friday, October 1, 1976.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 30, 1976:

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUILDING SCIENCES

The following-named persons to be Members of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for the terms indicated commencing on the date of incorporation (new positions):

For a term of 1 year: Jack C. Sanders, of Oklahoma.

For a term of 2 years: Ernest Ambler, of Maryland.

For a term of 3 years: Charles J. Orlebeke, of Maryland.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, September 30, 1976:

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Margaret W. Kahlig, of Ohio, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE

The following-named persons to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Productivity and Quality of Work-

ing Life for a term coterminous with the term of the President:

Donald C. Burnham, of Pennsylvania.

R. Heath Larry, of Pennsylvania.

Edward E. Carlson, of Illinois.

I. W. Abel, of Pennsylvania.

C. L. Dennis, of Illinois.

Frank E. Fitzsimmons, of Maryland.

James E. Holshouser, Jr., of North Carolina.

Daniel J. Evans, of Washington.

L. William Seldman, of Michigan.

Andrew E. Gibson, of New Jersey.

The following-named persons to be members of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Productivity and Quality of Working Life for a term coterminous with the term of the President:

Bess Myerson, of New York.

Berkeley G. Burrell, of the District of Columbia.

Wayne L. Horvitz, of the District of Columbia.

Gaylord Freeman, of Illinois.

Herbert S. Richey, of Ohio.

Robert A. Georgine, of Maryland.

J. Lane Kirkland, of the District of Columbia.

John T. Dunlop, of Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Wat T. Cluverius IV, of Maryland, a Foreign Service officer of class 3, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Bahrain.

Edward E. Masters, of Ohio, a Foreign Service officer of class 1, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Monteagle Stearns, of California, a Foreign Service officer of class 1, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ivory Coast.

Robert P. Smith, of Virginia, a Foreign Service officer of class 1, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of United States of America to the Republic of Ghana.

INTERNATIONAL BANK POSTS

William D. Rogers, of Virginia, to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 5 years; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of 5 years and until his successor has been appointed; and U.S. Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Eugene N. S. Girard II, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

The following-named persons to be members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for terms expiring December 17, 1978:

Donley L. Brady, of California.

Allie C. Felder, Jr., of the District of Columbia.

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Manuel R. Caldera, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 1980.

UNESCO CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

The following-named persons to be Representatives and Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 19th Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization:

Representatives

John E. Reinhardt, of Maryland.

Robert B. Kamm, of Oklahoma.

William B. Jones, of California.

Sarah Goddard Power, of Michigan.

Clayton Kirkpatrick, of Illinois.

Alternate Representatives

Arthur K. Solomon, of Massachusetts.

Mae Sue Talley, of Arizona.

Russell C. Heater, of California.

Oscar Padilla, of California.

Dixon R. Harwin, of California.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Edward Aguirre, of California, to be Commissioner of Education.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Harvey Allan Averch, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation.

Eloise E. Clark, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation.

The following-named persons to be members of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 1982:

Raymond L. Bisplinghoff, of Missouri.

Lloyd Miller Cooke, of New York.

Herbert D. Doan, of Michigan.

John R. Hogness, of Washington.

William F. Hueg, Jr., of Minnesota.

Marian E. Koshland, of California.

Alexander Rich, of Massachusetts.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees' commitments to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

IN THE U.S. ARMY

The following-named officer for temporary appointment in the Army of the United States to the grade indicated, under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, sections 3442 and 3447:

To be brigadier general

Col. James H. Patterson, 017-24-4474, Army of the United States (lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army).

IN THE U.S. NAVY

Vice Admiral Kent L. Lee, U.S. Navy, for appointment to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list pursuant to the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 6233.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK IN THE ARMY AND NAVY

Army nominations beginning Gerald E. Galloway, to be permanent professor, U.S. Military Academy, and ending Dale S. Vincent, to be 2d lieutenant, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on Sept. 15, 1976.

Navy nominations beginning Frank R. Arko, to be captain, and ending Mildred L. Carr, to be captain which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on Sept. 10, 1976.

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SUBJECT: CHANGED

BESS MYERSON aka Bessie Myerson
Title changed to show given name
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ReButel to NY, 8/17/76.

Enclosed herewith is background furnished by
appointee. Leads being sent by teletype.

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BESS MYERSON

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Born: Bronx, New York

Education: Music & Art High School (piano & flute)
B.A., Hunter College
Graduate Studies, Columbia University

CAREER BACKGROUND - CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Syndicated Columnist (Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate)
"Listen Bess"

Contributing Editor, Redbook Magazine

NBC Network Radio News "Consumer's View"

Consumer Affairs Advisor to Citibank

Consumer Consultant to the Bristol-Myers Co. ✓

Lecturer: Consumer Groups, Industry, Colleges, etc.

Ford Foundation Grant: A definitive guidebook on consumer protection for officials responsible for establishing consumer protection agencies in their communities was recently completed and is awaiting publication.

CAREER BACKGROUND - PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

Concert Pianist: Piano Soloist - New York Philharmonic

TV & Radio: Panel Shows, Specials, News Commentator 1947 - 1969

Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, New York City 1969 - 1973

Member, Commission on Critical Choices for Americans

Adjunct Professor, Hunter College School of Political Science

1973 - 1974

ARTICLES

Vogue, Life, Reader's Digest, Newspaper Enterprises, New York Times,
New York Times Almanac, Coronet Magazine, Trial Magazine, etc.

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Laws - Hunter College; Keuka College

Doctor of Humane Letters - Long Island University

Doctor of Public Service - Seton Hall

Fellow - Postgraduate Center for Mental Health

CIVIC; PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES (CURRENT)

CHAIRMAN, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater New York

PRESIDENT, Women United for New York (Three Founding Organizations:

Coalition of 100 Black Women, National Conference of Puerto

Rican Women, Women's Forum)

CIVIC; PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES (CURRENT)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (non-paid), Fashion Capitol of the World
(Representing Apparel Manufacturing Industry, International
Ladies Garment Union, The City of New York)

BOARD MEMBER (CURRENT)

Freedom House
Public Broadcasting Service
Citizens Union
Anti-Defamation League - National Commissioner
Another Mother for Peace
League School for Seriously Disturbed Children
America-Israel Cultural Foundation
Public Development Corporation
Committee to Advance the Goal of Higher Education
for the Disabled in CUNY
Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
Metropolitan Opera Association
Metropolitan Museum of Art - Fellow in Perpetuity
Friends of Music of New York City - Junior High Schools

CIVIC; PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES (PREVIOUS)

Consumers Union
CHAIRMAN, Hunter College Centennial Fund
CHAIRMAN, State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division 1965 - 1975
HONORARY CHAIRMAN 1972 to Present
Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation
(created by the Congress of the U.S.)
Fund for the City of New York
National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences
Hillside Hospital
National Assembly for Social Policy & Development

APPOINTMENTS - (PAST)

U.S. Mission to the U.N.
Participant, White House Conference on Violence & Crime 1967

AWARDS

Women in Communications "Clarion Award" (Article: "How To Fight
For The Credit That's Due You") October, 1975
Emmy Nominee, 1976, TV Series "In The Public Interest"

AWARDS

Columbia School of Journalism -- National Magazine Award
(1975 nominee)

Hunter College Hall of Fame
Hunter College Award for Outstanding Achievement
President's Medal -- Hunter College -- Centennial Year
Anti-Defamation League "Woman of Achievement"
American Association of University Women "Woman of Achievement"
City Club of New York
B'Nai B'Rith "Woman of Valor"
League School for Seriously Disturbed Children
Muscular Dystrophy Association
N.Y. Philanthropic League
American Jewish Tercentenary Medal
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Cunningham League for Handicapped Children Citation
American Jewish Congress Service and Citation Award
State of Israel Bonds "Woman of the Year"

RECENT TELEVISION PROGRAMS

"WOMAN OF THE YEAR", 1974 Hostess

"IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST", 1975 -- WNET, Public Television

"Lawyers & Gold"
"Toys & Sugar"
"The Elderly & Computer Power"
"Food"
"Bankruptcy"
"Ralph Nader"
"FDA"

Currently working on two books for Simon & Schuster:

One based on consumer column
One of a personal nature

ADDITIONAL CAREER BACKGROUND INFORMATIONTELEVISION

Stars in the Afternoon	WOR-TV	1947	Mistress of Ceremonies Talent Variety Show
Help Yourself	WPIX-TV	1949-50	Mistress of Ceremonies Participation Quiz Show
The Bess Myerson Show	WOR-TV	1951	Commentator - Interviews
Stars of Tomorrow	WPIX-TV	1951-52	Hostess - Talent Show Operatic Stars
The Big Payoff	CBS-TV	1951-59	Mistress of Ceremonies Co-stars: Randy Merriman Bob Paige Bert Parks
Today	NBC-TV	1953-59	Hostess Replacement for Dave Garroway (intermittent)
Philco Playhouse	NBC-TV	1954-55	Commercial Hostess
Jackie Gleason Show	CBS-TV	1954-55	Commercial Hostess
The Name's the Same	ABC-TV	1954-55	Panelist and Commercials
Premier Playhouse	ABC-TV	1954-55	Mistress of Ceremonies
Look Up and Live	WCBS-TV	1954	Mistress of Ceremonies (Occasional Appearances)
Miss America Pageant	ABC-TV CBS-TV	1954-68	Co-Commentator with John Daly, Walter Cronkite, Douglas Edwards & Solo
Do You Trust Your Wife	NBC-TV	1956-57	Commercials
Junior League Mardi Gras	WCBS-TV	1957-59	Co-Commentator with Walter Cronkite
Jack Paar Show	NBC-TV	1958-59	Guest Appearances
I've Got a Secret	CBS-TV	1958-67	Panelist

ADDITIONAL CAREER BACKGROUND INFORMATION - 2

Tournament of Roses	ABC-TV CBS-TV	1960-61	Co-Commentator with Robert Cummings, Ronald Reagan, Arthur Godfrey
Ed Sullivan Show	CBS-TV	1959-61	Guest Soloist (Piano)
N.Y. World's Fair Opening	ABC-TV	1964	Co-Commentator with Bill Beutel - Fair Parade
Thanksgiving Day Parade	CBS-TV	1964-68	Co-Commentator with Arthur Godfrey, Bud Collyer
Candid Camera	CBS-TV	1966-67	Co-host Allen Funt
What Every Woman Wants To Know			Consumer Issues
In The Public Interest	WNET	1975	7 One Hour Specials: Lawyers & Gold Toys & Sugar The Elderly & Computer Power Food Bankruptcy Naderism FDA

Panel Shows

Password

To Tell The Truth

Match Game

Get The Message

Girl Talk

Personality

Snap Judgment

ADDITIONAL CAREER BACKGROUND INFORMATION - 3

RADIO

Bess Myerson Almanac	WABC	1955	
Great American Women	WABC	1955	Five minute comments on famous American women
Flair	WABC	1960-61	Multiple own five minute segments: on beauty, interior decorating
Mutual News	WINS	1961-62	Live Newscasts - Commercials
Luncheon at Sardi's	WOR	1961	Interviews - Live Commercial
Monitor	WNBC	1964-65	Interviews
"1001 Decorating Ideas"	WNBC	1965	Five Minute Daily Radio Show
"The Art of Giftgiving"			Syndicated Series - Helbros
"Dimension on Science"	CBS	1969	Dr. Leonard Reiffel - discussions on scientific advancement
"B.M. Speaking for the Consumer"	Local	1969-73	
"Up to the Minute"		1969-75	Syndicated News Show

COMMERCIALS

Speidel	TV	1955-56	
General Electric	Radio	1961-62	
Orkin Home Service	Radio & TV	1961-62	(Southern Area)
Minute Rice	TV	1964	
Good Season's Salad Mixes	TV	1964	
Quaker Oats	TV	1964	
Toni	TV	1964-65	

ADDITIONAL CAREER BACKGROUND INFORMATION - 4

Martin Equipment Sales	WABC	1965	Radio
Mickey Mouse Candy Bars	WOR-TV	1947	
Associated Food Stores	WPIX-TV	1949-50	
Republic TV Stores	WOR-TV	1951	
Bertolli Oil	WPIX-TV	1951-52	
Colgate-Palmolive	Various	1951-63	Colgate Chlorophyll Tooth-paste Fab Lustre Creme Shampoo Cashmere Bouquet Lipstick Cashmere Bouquet Soap Florient Choice Soap Ajax
Knox Gelatin	NBC-TV	1953-59	
Philco	NBC-TV	1954-55	
Nescafe	CBS-TV	1954-55	
Chicken-of-the-Sea	ABC-TV	1954-55	
Ralston	ABC-TV	1954-55	
Premier Foods	ABC-TV	1954-55	
Frigidaire	NBC-TV	1956-57	

LECTURES.- pre 1969

"Women's Role in a Changing World"

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BESS MYERSON, AKA BESSIE; SPIN. BUDED: AUGUST 20, 1976.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, AUGUST 19, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON AUGUST 19, 1976:

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

JUNIOR HOUSE, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN MISS MYERSON FOR MANY YEARS. DURING PAST FIVE YEARS, THEY HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER ON MANY PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS AND HE FOUND HER COMPLETELY DEDICATED AND EXTREMELY CAPABLE WORKER.

HER CHARACTER, HONESTY, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY ARE BEYOND REPROACH. HER REPUTATION IS ONE WHICH HAS GARNERED THE ADMIRATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND HER FOR

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ANY POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT RESERVATION. HE HAS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF HER PARENTS AND TWO SISTERS.

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PERSON CONTACTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION WAS ADVISED OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974.

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CHANGED BESS MYERSON, AKA BESSIE, BUDED AUGUST 20, 1976

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ON MAY 18, 1976, APPOINTEE FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND
INFORMATION PERTINENT TO OTHER OFFICES:

BORN JULY 16, 1924, BRONX, NY, CURRENT ADDRESS 3 E. 71ST
ST., NEW YORK, NY. SSAN 104-16-2622, RELATIVES-FATHER, LOUIS
MYERSON, BORN APRIL 12, 1894, RUSSIA; MOTHER, BELLA MYERSON,

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AGE 81, BORN RUSSIA, RESIDING 98 VAN COURTLANDT PARK, BRONX, NY;
SISTER, SYLVIA M. GRACE, WIDOW, BORN SEPTEMBER 7, 1917, AT NEW
YORK, NY, RESIDING 60 KNOLLS CRESCENT, BRONX, NY; SISTER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
DOB UNKNOWN, RESIDING [REDACTED]

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APPOINTEE MARRIED OCTOBER, 1946 TO ALLAN WAYNE, (DECEASED
1962). MARRIED 1962 TO ARNOLD GRANT, DIVORCED 1971. CURRENT
ADDRESS 25 SUTTON PLACE NORTH, NEW YORK, NY. DOB UNKNOWN.

DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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ATTENDED MUSIC AND ART HIGH SCHOOL, CONVENT AVE., NEW YORK,
NY, 1937-1941; HUNTER COLLEGE, NEW YORK, NY, 1941-1945, RECEIVING
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE. TOOK NON-MATRICULATING COURSES AT
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NOT RECORDED AT SCHOOL.

EMPLOYED SUMMER OF 1937 AS COUNSELLOR, KENWOOD CAMP, KENT
CONNECTICUT. SUMMER 1938 COUNSELLOR, KEARSARGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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COUNSELLOR SUMMERS OF 41, 42, 43, 44, CAMP BIRCHWOOD, BRANDON, ✓
VERMONT. MISS AMERICA, SEPTEMBER, 1945-SEPTEMBER, 1946, FROM
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ.

REFERENCES - CONGRESSMAN EDWARD KOCH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WDC, PHONE 202-225-2436; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MAX KAMPELMAN, 600 NEW

HAMPSHIRE AVE., N. W. WDC, 202-965-9400, [REDACTED]
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REBUTELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DATED AUGUST 17, 1976, AND NEW
YORKTELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED AUGUST 19, 1976.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AUGUST 19, 1976; OCT 14 1976

[REDACTED] METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, FIFTH
AVENUE AND 82ND STREET, NEW YORK (NY), NY, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN
APPOINTEE TWENTY YEARS AND CONSIDERS HER BRIGHT, WARM, HONEST,
INTELLIGENT, AND OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. STATED APPOINTEE CON-
SCIENTIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE, DOES THINGS WELL, MOTIVATED, HAS NO
BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF, AND CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION,
LOYALTY. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

LEWIS RUDIN, PRESIDENT, LEWIS RUDIN ASSOCIATES, 345 PARK
AVENUE, NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TEN YEARS. CONSIDERS
HER TERRIFIC, COMPETENT, A LADY, DEEPLY COMMITTED, TALENTED, HONEST
AND INTELLIGENT. STATED SHE IS IMAGINATIVE, QUALIFIED, TACTFUL,

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AND DISCREET. ADVISED KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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[REDACTED] NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE NINETEEN YEARS. CONSIDERS HER FINE PERSON, HARD WORKING, CARING, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, PROUD TO KNOW HER. STATED APPOINTEE FINE PUBLIC SERVANT, ENERGETIC, RESPONSIBLE, DYNAMIC, AND OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF, AND IS GOOD FRIEND. STATED WILL DO A GOOD JOB. STATED CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT, AND RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NY, AD-
[REDACTED] ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FIFTEEN YEARS. STATED IS FIRST RATE INDIVIDUAL OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, IS KNOWLEDGEABLE, ALERT, TRUSTWORTHY, SINCERE, DIRECT, AND HONORABLE. SAID APPOINTEE PERSONABLE, FRIENDLY, AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. STATED HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF, AND SAID CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY FOR GOVERNMENT POSITION.

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MRS. MARJORIE I. WALLIS, 231 WEST 22ND STREET, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. CONSIDERS HER FRIENDLY, HONEST, OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. SAID CAN COUNT ON HER, IS TRUSTWORTHY, PERSONABLE, DOES A GOOD JOB NO MATTER WHAT IT IS. SAID APPOINTEE HAS NO BAD HABITS SHE IS AWARE OF; CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

LEONARD GARMENT, ATTORNEY, MUDGE ROSE, GUTHRIE AND ALEXANDER, 375 PARK AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE THREE YEARS; CONSIDERS HER IMAGINATIVE, SHARP, TACTFUL, DYNAMIC, AGGRESSIVE, TRUSTWORTHY, AND HIGH PRINCIPLES. SAID KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER. CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

FRANK B. HALL INSURANCE COMPANY, 55 BROAD STREET, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOUR YEARS. CONSIDERS IMPECCABLE, BRILLIANT, COMPETENT, SPECTACULAR PERSON. STATES APPOINTEE IS WELL RESPECTED, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, AND DISCREET. STATED HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF, AND CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS

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JUSTIN N. FELDMAN, PARTNER, POLETTI, FRIEBIN, PRASHKER, FELDMAN, AND GARDNER, 777 THIRD AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TWENTY YEARS. STATED SHE IS STRONG-MINDED, BRIGHT, ENERGETIC, A DECENT INDIVIDUAL, COMMITTED, INTELLIGENT, HONEST. STATED APPOINTEE HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF; CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION,

R. PETER STRAUS, PRESIDENT, WMCA RADIO STATION, 888 SEVENTH AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TWELVE YEARS. CONSIDERS HER HIGHEST POSSIBLE CALIBER. STATED HAS EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY, IS TRUSTWORTHY, TACTFUL, AGGRESSIVE, DISCERNING, ALERT, IMAGINATIVE, AND RESOURCEFUL. STATED GOVERNMENT IS LUCKY TO GET HER SERVICES. SAID CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION. ✓

BRISTOL MYERS COMPANY, 345 PARK AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FIVE YEARS. STATED SHE HAS BEEN BRISTOL MYERS CONSULTANT FROM JUNE 1972 TO DATE. SAID APPOINTEE IS HONEST, OBJECTIVE, FORTHRIGHT, INFLEXIBLE IF SHE THINKS SHE IS RIGHT, TRUSTWORTHY, KNOWLEDGEABLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD, AGGRESSIVE.

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SAID APPOINTEE HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF; CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

SYLVIA PORTER, SINDICATED COLUMNIST, 2 FIFTH AVENUE, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FIFTEEN YEARS. CONSIDERS APPOINTEE OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, INTELLIGENT, SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY AWARE, TRUSTWORTHY, DISCREET, AND OF HIGH MORALE CHARACTER. SAID KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE, AND LOYALTY AND REPUTATION ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TEN YEARS. STATED SHE'S FANTASTIC INDIVIDUAL, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, DISCREET, PERSONABLE, HAS NO BAD HABITS SHE IS AWARE OF. SAID APPOINTEE KNOWLEDGEABLE, DYNAMIC, FRANK, AND TRUSTWORTHY. SAID CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

[REDACTED] AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, 70 WALL STREET, NY, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE THREE YEARS. STATED SHE IS QUALIFIED, DISCONCERNING, IMAGINATIVE, RESOURCEFUL, INTELLIGENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. STATED KNOWS

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BESS MYERSON AKA; , SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 20, 1976

ON AUGUST 18, 1976, [REDACTED]

HUNTER COLLEGE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. POWER
APPOINTEE ATTENDED SEPTEMBER, 1941 TO JUNE 27, 1945 WHEN SHE
RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE. THE TRANSCRIPT REVEALS SHE
GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ART, JANUARY, 1941. RATED
REGENT AVERAGE FOR FOUR YEARS COLLEGE 84 PER CENT. NO DEROGATORY
CONTAINED IN TRANSCRIPT.

ON AUGUST 19, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HUNTER COLLEGE, ADVISED SA POWER THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS
APPOINTED AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 TO AUGUST 31, 1974. FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 TO DECEMBER 31, 1973 RECEIVED NO COMPENSATION.
FROM JANUARY 1, 1974 TO AUGUST 31, 1974 RECEIVED A GRANT NUMBER

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481. SHE STATED SHE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION RE THE APPOINTEE.

ON AUGUST 19, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, 80 LAFAYETTE STREET, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE 13 YEARS. SHE STATED APPOINTEE WAS DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS MARCH 3, 1969 TO MARCH 31, 1973. SHE STATED APPOINTEE ENCHANTING, DELIGHTFUL, SINCERE, GOOD FRIEND, AND A WONDERFUL PERSON. SHE STATED APPOINTEE PROFOUND, INTELLIGENT, HONEST PERSONABLE AND HAS NO BAD HABITS SHE IS AWARE OF. SHE STATED THAT APPOINTEE CHARACTER, ASSOCIATE REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH, AND RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

ON AUGUST 19, 1976, DOROTHY S. RAYMOND, CHAIRMAN, SPEECH DYNAMICS, 111 WEST 57TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED THAT SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE 15 YEARS AND CONSIDERS HER BRILLIANT, CAPABLE, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, GIFTED, HIGH-PRINCIPLED AND AGGRESSIVE. SHE STATED HAS NO BAD HABITS SHE IS AWARE OF AND THAT HER CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE EXCELLENT. SHE STATED THAT SHE KNEW NOTHING TO PRECLUDE APPOINTEE ACCEPTING GOVERNMENT POSITION.

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ON AUGUST 19, 1976, DAVID L. GARTH, PRESIDENT, GARTH ASSOCIATES, 745 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TEN YEARS AND CONSIDERS HER HARD WORKER, DISCIPLINED, TOUGH, SMART AND BEST COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS NEW YORK CITY EVER HAD. HE STATED APPOINTEE HONEST, OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER. HE STATED CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

ON AUGUST 19, 1976, ABRAHAM FEINBERG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, 70 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE 20 YEARS AND WORKED WITH HER IN POLITICS AND JEWISH AFFAIRS. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS GREAT INTEGRITY AND IS NO PHONY. HE STATED THAT SHE IS RESOURCEFUL, CLEVER, IMAGINATIVE, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. HE STATED HE KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER AND HER CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDED WITHOUT RESERVATION. *

ON AUGUST 19, 1976,, FRED ROSEN, PRESIDENT, FRED ROSEN ASSOCIATES, 655 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED HAS KNOWN

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APPOINTEE 9 YEARS. CONSIDERS HER INTELLIGENT, ATTRACTIVE, EARNEST, HONEST, EFFECTIVE, HARD WORKING, INDEPENDENT, PRUDENT, DISCREET, POPULAR, EASY, SMOOTH AND SOCIALLY AWARE. ADVISED KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER AND STATED CHARACTER AND ASSOCIATES REPUTATION EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

ON AUGUST 20, 1976! RICHARD M. CLURMAN, DIRECTOR, E. M. WARBURGH, PINCUS, 277 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR 10 YEARS. STATED SHE IS WELL KNOWN, HIGH PRINCIPALLED, HONORABLE, STRAIGHT FORWARD, OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. STATED APPOINTEE TOUGH, TRUSTWORTHY, SINCERE. STATED HAS NO BAD HABITS, HE IS AWARE OF AND CHARACTER, ASSOCIATE REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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CHANGED BESS MEYERSON, AKA BESSIE; SPIN; BUDED 8/20/76

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 8/19/76.

ON AUGUST 20, 1976, ALBERT MARKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISS AMERICA PAGENT, BOARDWALK, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, ADVISED BESS MEYERSON WAS CHOSEN MISS AMERICA IN SEPTEMBER, 1945, AND REIGNED IN THAT CAPACITY FOR ONE YEAR, UNTIL SEPTEMBER, 1946, WHEN A NEW GIRL WAS CROWNED. HE STATED AS MISS AMERICA, MEYERSON TRAVELLED THROUGHOUT THE US MAKING GUEST APPEARANCES. HE STATED SHE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF HER OUTSTANDING CHARACTER, PERSONALITY, AND ALL AROUND CHARM, AND SHE HAS DONE NOTHING TO DIMINISH THESE QUALITIES DURING THE YEARS. HE STATED TODAY SHE IS PROBABLY THE MOST FAMOUS OF THE FORMER MISS AMERICAS, AND THAT DURING THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS, SHE HAS APPEARED MANY TIMES AT THE MISS AMERICA PAGENTS AS A GUEST AND HAS ALWAYS DONE A VERY DISTINGUISHED JOB.

MARKS STATED WITHOUT RESERVATION HE WOULD RECOMMEND HER FOR A POSITION WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

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aka, Bessie

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Re Bu teletype to WFO, 8/17/76.

LEADSWASHINGTON FIELDAT WASHINGTON, D.C.

- 1) CSC, IRS, and SS outstanding.
- 2) Senators unavailable until 8/23/76.
- 3) References KOCH, [] and KAMPELMAN
- 4) outstanding.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on August 18, 1976.

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A search of the files of the Personnel Office and Records Office, White House Office revealed no information concerning BESS MYERSON.

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On August 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Washington, D.C., was contacted by SA [REDACTED]. He advised that he has known appointee since they first became acquainted in 1960. He spoke highly regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He described the appointee as a very honest, sincere, dependable and capable woman. He was aware of no excesses or bad habits of appointee and highly recommended her for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on August 18, 1976, that the files contained no record for the appointee.

On August 18, 1976, SC [REDACTED] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On August 18, 1976, SC [REDACTED] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee.

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On August 18, 1976, SC [REDACTED] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

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BESS MYERSON AKA; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 20, 1976.

A SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION IN SEPTEMBER, 1945, THAT X LEO X AND BELLA MYERSON, WHOSE DAUGHTER BESS MYERSON WAS CHOSEN "MISS AMERICA 1945" ARE MEMBERS OF BRANCH 138 OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S FRATERNAL ORDER, INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER (IWO). IT IS NOTED THAT APPOINTEE LISTS PARENTS AS LOUIS AND BELLA MYERSON. THE MOTHER IS NOT ACTIVE IN THE BRANCH. SHE IS TOTALLY DEAF. THE FATHER IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER; THE WHOLE FAMILY IS PRO-COMMUNIST AND PRO-SOVIET. "MISS AMERICA 1945" USED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE (YCL). SHE BELONGED TO THE NATHAN HALE BRANCH UNTIL THE YCL WAS LIQUIDATED. SHE WAS ALWAYS A COMMUNIST.

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BESS MYERSON, AKA BESSIE, SPIN, BUDED 8/20/76

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 8/19/76.

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ON 8/20/76, [REDACTED] LITCHFIELD COUNTY CREDIT RATING BUREAU, TORRINGTON, CONN., ADVISED THE APPLICANT HAS NO CREDIT RECORD AT KENT, CONN.

ON 8/20/76, [REDACTED], CONN. STATE POLICE,

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BESS MYERSON, AKA BESSIE, SPIN.

RE BUREAU NITEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD, AUGUST 17, 1976;
AND NEW YORK NITEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 19, 1976.

LOS ANGELES FILES REFLECT FILM IN WHICH APPLICANT MADE
A SPEECH AGAINST UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE VIETNAM
WAR WAS SHOWN AT THE FESTIVAL OF UNUSUAL FILMS, PLUMMER
PARK RECREATION CENTER, 7000 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ON FEBRUARY 26, 1971, UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF JEWISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB.

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[REDACTED] VERIFIED THROUGH [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] CONSIDERS [REDACTED]

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PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND HAS NO
REASON TO DOUBT HER LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED FOR [REDACTED] AT

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OR LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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CHANGED BESS MYERSON; SPIN; BUDED AUGUST 20, 1976.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 19, 1976.

ALL PERSONS CONTACTED WERE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

[REDACTED] OF BIRCHWOOD CAMP FOR GIRLS
IN HUBBARDTON, VERMONT, ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD
WORKED UNDER HER SUPERVISION DURING THE SUMMER OF 1941 -
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BACKGROUND AND WORKED HER WAY THROUGH HUNTER COLLEGE, AND
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CRIME INFORMATION CENTER, MONTPELIER, VERMONT, ADVISED
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WHO OPERATED THE CAMP IN THE LATE 1930'S IS NO LONGER
AVAILABLE.

RECORDS OF THE MANCHESTER, N.H. CREDIT BUREAU AND THE
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE N.H. STATE POLICE, CONCORD,
N.H., WERE BOTH NEGATIVE RE ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
WITH THE APPOINTEE WHEN CHECKED ON AUGUST 23, 1976.

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Grant, Sued by Bess, Files His Own Act

Arnold M. Grant filed his own suit for separation in Manhattan Supreme Court yesterday against Bess Myerson Grant, city consumer affairs commissioner. Mrs. Grant, who was Miss America of 1945, had filed a separation suit against her husband on July 15.

Through his attorney, former Federal Judge Simon F. Rifkind, Grant, who is an attorney himself, applied also for exclusive possession of the Grants' apartment at 25 Sutton Place, including furnishings.

A hearing is set for Sept. 8 on the apartment application. Neither contestant has yet indicated on what grounds the separation applications are based.

Grant and the former beauty queen were married in 1962 and divorced in 1967, but later remarried. She was appointed to her \$25,000-a-year city post by Mayor Lindsay in March 1969.

Mrs. Grant Seeks Separation

Mrs. Bess Myerson Grant, the city's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, began a separation suit yesterday in State Supreme Court in Manhattan against her husband, Arnold Grant. Stanley Plesent, a partner in the law firm of Squadron & Plesent, representing Mrs. Grant, said Mr. and Mrs. Grant had agreed that there would be no comment on the case.

The city's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, Bess Myerson Grant, was divorced by Arnold M. Grant. The divorce was granted by Justice Morris E. Spector in Supreme Court under conditions of exceptional secrecy, in which the grounds for the action were not disclosed and the proceedings were barred to the press. Mr. Grant's lawyers said in a statement that the former Miss America had withdrawn her defense to Mr. Grant's divorce actions and her claims for "separation, alimony, counsel fees and a property settlement."

Bess Myerson Grant Loses Bid for Temporary Alimony

Bess Myerson Grant, the city's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, yesterday was denied temporary alimony of \$3,500 a month and exclusive possession of a cooperative apartment at 25 Sutton Place, pending court disposition of her marital dispute with her estranged husband, Arnold M. Grant, a lawyer.

Mr. Grant has resisted the request on the ground that his wife is wealthy.

A State Supreme Court Justice Margaret M. J. Mangan, agreed with the husband's contention, saying that "to qualify for financial relief (pending a final court decision) a wife must demonstrate she is unable to adequately support herself from her own funds during the pendency of the action," and that there appears to be no demonstrative necessity for temporary alimony.

Bess, Pal of Homemakers, Sues to Unmake Her Own

Consumer Affairs Commissioner Bess Myerson Grant filed suit yesterday for a legal separation from her husband, attorney Arnold M. Grant.

Notice of the lawsuit was filed in the New York County Clerk's office in the Manhattan Supreme Court Building by the law firm of Squadron and Plesent. Grant, of 25 Sutton Place, has retained the law firm headed by former Federal Judge Simon Rifkind.

Through It Once Before

The beautiful Bess, a former Miss America, married Grant in 1962. They were divorced in Mexico in 1967, but later remarried. The reasons for their second bustup was not disclosed.

When reporters called at the Consumer Affairs office in City Hall, they were informed by the commissioner's secretary that she was not in and was not available for comment.

The former beauty queen and radio-TV commentator was appointed to her \$25,000-a-year city post by Mayor Lindsay in March 1969.

1st Marriage an Elopement

Grant is her second husband. Soon after her reign as Miss America of 1945, she eloped with Allan Wayne, a doll company executive. They were married in 1946 and divorced 12 years later after a series of legal battles including a court fight over custody of their daughter, Barbara, now 22.

Bess, at 45 still glamorous and close to her Miss America measurements of 35-25-35, grew up in the Bronx and was graduated from the High School of Music and Art and from Hunter College. She used her earnings as Miss



Bess Myerson and husband, Arnold M. Grant.

America to study for a master's degree in music at Columbia University.

As Miss America, she went on a vaudeville tour at \$1,000 a week but never completed it.

"In Worcester, Mass., I fol-

lowed an animal act," she once recalled. "I wanted to be presented as a pianist, but they made me play piano in a bathing suit. That was all right for Atlantic City, but not for Massachusetts on a cold winter night."

Miss America Is Soloist

Bess Myerson, Pop Concert Pianist, Is

By WILLIAM HAWKINS.

When the conductor, D'Artega, presents the pianist of his girl dance band at the Pop Concert at Carnegie Hall tonight, Bess Myerson will be the first Miss America to appear as soloist with the Philharmonic.

It all sounds in the stunt class, but both D'Artega and Miss Myerson are more amused than impressed. They think of her first as a musician. That she is extraordinarily noticeable and a net to them an added attraction. To Bess the title confirmed on her last summer is an asset implying a mission.

Good Use Is Sought.

"If I am supposed to be representative of the American girl, I want to make constructive use of that fact. In the tolerance talks we've been making it's a great draw. Last week in a Brooklyn school I got a 100 per cent attendance — 6000 girls in one school. Of course most of them came to see what I looked like. But they stayed to listen.

"With the music it works the other way round. Being Miss America becomes a natural barrier and I have to work twice as hard. People expect me to play concerts in a bathing suit.

"The chief trouble is with skeptical women. You can't overcome their antagonism in five minutes.

Travels by Plane.

Bess hops about the country by plane for her lectures, and besides playing with D'Artega's band, gives concerts as pianist and flutist. She is a graduate of Hunter College, where she hopes to return for an M. A. in music. All this activity on the part of



Bess Myerson.

his pianist does not in the least dismay D'Artega, who is accustomed to busy and courageous work.

When the band was in Italy during the war, the girls elected to go up to the front and on occasion worked about five minutes deep time from active lines.

"Sometimes the men who were USO supervisors were afraid, but the girls never were. They worked with mortar fire over their heads. Finally we were given a commendation for having played to more troops than any other single unit in war time."

Bess Myerson, who has been both a New York City Commissioner of Consumer Affairs and a Miss America, has been named a consumer-affairs adviser for the First National City Bank.

Miss Myerson, who is 47 years old, completed four years in the city job last March. Her part-time paid appointment at Citibank marks the first time that the bank has had anyone in such a post.

Miss Myerson was elected Miss America in 1945. She is currently a visiting professor in the political science department at Hunter College. She is also a contributing editor of Redbook magazine and a columnist for The Daily News.

It's Prof. Bess Myerson now. The former Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for the city has been appointed a visiting professor in the political science department at Hunter College, where she will spend a year directing a study aimed at helping consumer protection agencies and organizations with their programs. The study was made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

The New York Daily News announced that Bess Myerson, the former New York City Consumer Affairs Commissioner, would "introduce her new column" in the newspaper at the end of this month. The column is to be called "Listen, Bess," and will be published twice a week, The News said.

Bess Myerson Has Husband Arrested

On Assault Charge

By JOSEPH COTTER

Bess Myerson, the former Miss America who built her title into a successful television career, brought a charge of simple assault against her lingerie salesman husband, Allen Wayne, Saturday.

Wayne's 5 a.m. arrest at their apartment at 47 E. 88th St. was the first public notice that the couple had reconciled following a separation agreement 14 months ago.

"They'd been back together about a year," Wayne's brother Leonard, of 440 West End Av., told The Post.

Told that Miss Myerson, 33, had caused Wayne's arrest for third degree assault, a misdemeanor, Wayne's mother, Catherine, exclaimed:

"She's a bird, that one."

Miss Myerson called police shortly after 4 a.m. with the complaint that Wayne had burst into her bedroom, tore off her pajamas and put his hands on her throat. She said he threatened her.

Detectives said Miss Myerson had served her husband with "legal papers of some kind" before the incident.

Wayne, who once charged that his wife was "unfit" to care for their 10-year-old daughter, was silent as he was booked at the E. 104th St. precinct. He raised bail of \$500 and was released for appearance Monday in Upper Manhattan Court.

Miss Myerson, who won her title in 1945, "was asleep at 7 a.m., according to a man who answered her telephone. She could not be awakened for comment, he said.

The Waynes' marital problems first became public in August of last year when Miss Myerson suddenly moved out of their apartment, then at 153 E. 93d St.

A custody battle resulted for their daughter, Barbara, who tried, apparently in vain, to re-



BESS MYERSON

concile the couple when they appeared in Supreme Court. Wayne finally dropped his suit and retracted his charge that the statuesque beauty was "physically, spiritually and mentally unable" to care for their child.

Wayne was given "liberal visitation rights" in the Supreme Court agreement.

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layered looks were other trends depicted in the showing of clothes by 50 American designers, which included a denim raincoat by Levi Strauss and culminated in a black dress with a metal shoulder strap by Rudi Gernreich.

The impressive showing of current fashion lent credence to the remarks of Bess Myerson, the guest speaker representing the organization of New York manufacturers called Fashion Capital of the World.

Bess Is Their Woman Now



Jack Mitchell

Bess Myerson, whose consumer-oriented "What Every Woman Wants to Know" is on WABC daily at 10:30.

"My real dream is to go to Washington"

By LETICIA KENT

IT'S rather late on a recent chill winter night. Bess Myerson, somehow resembling a giant Barbie doll (she's 5 feet 10 inches tall), bounces a small red ball (as therapy for a hand injury) against the bare parquet floor in her new and largely unfurnished Upper East Side flat and endures yet another interview, in this case about her television show.

Forty-eight, and freshly divorced, she dislikes the personal interview ("Why are people curious about my sex life?"). She has thus far had three incarnations as a culture hero: beauty queen, TV personality, consumer advocate. And she's bored by recurrent queries. She's also too busy to answer them. For, besides holding down a full time job as New York City's consumer affairs commissioner, Bess Myerson has returned to TV with a syndicated five-day-a-week program called "What Every Woman Wants to Know" (shown locally on WABC-TV from 10:30 to 11 A.M.).

The show's format is familiar with a difference; it's "Naderized." There are two or three individual interviews with "consumerists" (an author, a public official), a cooking (or some other) demonstration, and a consumer-oriented editorial. The last (a rebuke to the Food and Drug Administration, perhaps, or a plea for nationwide abortion laws) is very tough, occasionally radical—though somewhat vitiated by its brevity. What is fascinating about the show is Bess Myerson herself, who seems as "serious" as the amazed press agents said she was when she was crowned Miss America in 1945.

Although Bess Myerson entered the Miss America contest to get money for graduate study in music, winning nevertheless stereotyped her as a bathing beauty. It's a tough act to follow.

"After I won the title," she once told a newspaper reporter, "I toured vaudeville. I came out in a high-necked gown and played 'The Ritual Fire Dance' and 'Malagueña' on the piano and flute. I could hear the boys up front complaining and muttering, 'Where's the bathing suit?' So in the finale I came out in a white bathing suit, and the boys would cheer. Toward the end of the tour, I realized they didn't want to hear my music, so I just came out in a bathing suit. Finally, I was losing weight and not filling out the bathing suit, so I quit."

Then was the title an albatross?

Silence—except for the sound of the little red ball. "It was painful, you can't imagine how painful"—she grimaces—"to walk, night after night, through the crowded ballrooms, to mount the daises, to be introduced as the representative of American womanhood, the representative. But it was also instructive to travel across the country, to go to a town below the Mason-Dixon line and

to see, actually see, blacks on one side of the street and whites on the other, to be discriminated against myself because of my Jewishness. It was instructive—and it was shocking."

In fact, it shocked Bess Myerson into abandoning her musical career. "Oh, I was talented," she declares, reminding you that she once played with the New York Philharmonic. "But the Miss America tour convinced me that I wasn't cut out for the insulated life of the musician." She became an activist, speaking out against bigotry, for civil rights.

She also married (twice), had a daughter (Barra, now 23) and went on television. Her television career (eight years as the star of "The Big Pay-Off"; nine years as a panelist on "I've Got a Secret") was long and lucrative. "And undistinguished?" the reporter asks, going, alas, too far.

Silence. The red ball bounces furiously. "Undistinguished?" she says, in echo. "Compared with whom? With Pauline Frederick? Which women had distinguished careers in television then? There was Lucille Ball." She pauses, smiling a little. "And there were Kitty Carlisle, Arlene Francis, Dorothy Kilgallen, Phyllis Newman, Betsy Palmer—and me. But with Dave Garroway on the 'Today' show I did what Barbara Walters now does. And I worked on specials which were watched by millions: the Tournament of Roses, the Miss America Pageant. . . ."

The red ball stops. Bess Myerson flashes a full smile. "Looking back, I guess my head was into financial security," she concedes. Now my daughter Barra (Grant) is an actress. She has great integrity, is very careful in selecting her roles. And I respect that. But our life experience is different. I began just above the poverty line. She didn't. I went to a city college, Hunter. She was sent to Bryn Mawr. When she had to choose between a television commercial with good residuals and a one-shot television part, she—quits rightly, as it turned out—took the part. At her stage, I would have taken the commercial."

Bess Myerson is a pragmatist. Is her TV show insurance against losing her city job when Mayor Lindsay's term expires?

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"No, no," she protests earnestly. "If I wanted to return to television, I'd just quit now. The show is supposed to be an extension of my city job—not a substitute. It's to inform consumers about their rights. It's to raise money for investigations and educational programs and product tests that we have no budget for. All my television fees go into a nonprofit fund [The Administration Management and Research Association of the City of New York] which channels them into my department."

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. is the principal sponsor of "What Every Woman Wants to Know" and there are various other sponsors as well—a figure salon, an air-conditioning and refrigeration specialist's school, a patent medicine; all of which should bring lots of money to the Department of Consumer Affairs. Still, isn't it unseemly for a consumer advocate to appear on a sponsored show?

The little red ball bounces out of reach. "That worries me." She is grave. "I wonder whether viewers think that I endorse the products that are advertised during the breaks in my show—I don't endorse products. There was a time when I did—but that time is passed. That's not my career and that's not where I'm at."

Then why didn't she take her show to public television? "Commercial television pays better and reaches a wider audience," replies the pragmatist. And Bess Myerson wants consumer advocates across the country to copy what has been accomplished in New York: a tough consumer protection act, unit pricing, open dating of perishable foods.

After Bess Myerson was appointed to her city job in 1969, a New Yorker cartoon depicted a bathing beauty contest winner saying, "I play the violin some, I like sports, I paint and I sculpt, but my real dream is every girl's dream—to go to Washington and head the Office for Consumer Affairs." If John Lindsay makes President, will Bess Myerson succeed Virginia Knauer?

"There's no point," she says, submerged now in polite boredom, "in predicting the future. My city department has to be run now—that's my job and I intend to do it as well as I can as long as I can. And if anything—including 'What Every Woman Wants to Know'—interferes with my commitment to the city, I will walk away from it."

"Is that your mayoral declaration?"
"You see why I dislike interviews," she says.

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Members of both the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and the Israel's Bat-Sheva Dance Company will attend a champagne reception next Tuesday night at the America-Israel Culture House, 4 East 54th Street.

Earlier that evening the guests will view the New York gala premiere of the dance company at the City Center.

Mrs. Bess Myerson Grant, City Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, is chairman of the foundation's planning

committee for the event. The beneficiary's allocation to the dance company, as part of its exchange program, has enabled the troupe to complete its first tour in the States.

Isaac Stern, the violinist and board chairman of the foundation, which funds for projects in cultural institutions in Israel, said tickets for the premiere are \$4.50 each and are purchased at the City box office.

AROUND 2:30 P.M. recently, on one of those rare warm blue-sky days when the air pollution hadn't drifted over from New Jersey, a gray 1969 Chrysler with a red light on the dashboard was speeding toward Brooklyn. It carried a chauffeur named Joe Baum and a very tall, very leggy brunette in a school-girlishly simple skirt and sweater and with a pair of naked lips. She had chewed off her lipstick at lunch, she said, and hadn't bothered to replace it because she thought fresh make-up might seem frivolous in view of the nature of her business.

The woman was Mrs. Bess Myerson Grant, the city's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, and she was going on a raid.

Bess Myerson Grant, the complete New Yorker. P.S. 95 . . . the High School of Music and Art . . . Hunter College. For years she was probably best known to most New Yorkers as Miss America of 1945 and—especially in the Bronx, where she was born—as the first Jewish Miss America. Then came a long and lucrative career in television (eight years as the star of "The Big Pay-Off"; nine years as a panelist on "I've Got a Secret") in which she became such a nationwide celebrity that even women in Keokuk recognized her.

And now she was headed toward a smelly store in Bedford-Stuyvesant to see if all the meat was fit to eat.

AS the car moved across the Brooklyn Bridge, the 45-year-old Commissioner opened her purse, took out one of the pills that she takes several times a day because of a serious intestinal operation a year ago, and popped it into her mouth. Then she began talking about consumer problems in the city.

"You wouldn't believe some of the selling practices that go on in this city," she said. "Some merchants use red lights to make bad meat look red and to hide the spoilage. They wrap old chickens in yellow cellophane so the chickens look like they have some color. And even though we've got a law that says meat has to be packaged in clear plastic trays, they still try to hide the bone on the bottom with the excess wrapping of cellophane."

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Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
8—Miss Bess Myerson, 21-y-
contestant from the Bronx
York City, was crowned
America of 1945" tonight
Warner Theatre here.

A capacity audience of
cheering spectators saw the
esque brunette enthroned as
nine other title seekers
thirty-three States and
Columbia applauded.

The new national beauty
succeeds Venus Ramey, of
ington, who held the crown
months. Miss Myerson is
ten inches tall, weighs 135
and has hazel eyes. She
graduated from Hunter
with the degree of Bach
Arts.

Tonight's crown of Miss A
was the fifth honor bestowed
Miss New York City since
rival here for the pageant
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Miss Myerson lives at 344
Place, New York. The
award followed her play
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Bess Myerson, who wa
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Bob Paige will replace Randy
Merriman as master of cere-
monies on C. B. S.-TV's "The
Big Pay-off" on Monday. He
will co-star with Bess Myerson
on his new assignment.

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is Myerson, Miss America
of 1945 and now a television and
radio personality, will conduct
an interview and discussion pro-
gram for women over radio sta-
tion WABC beginning Monday.
It will be broadcast from 11:30
A. M. to 12 noon on Mondays
through Fridays.

Radio-TV Notes

Bess Myerson, a former Miss
America, will conduct a television
program of shopping hints,
fashions and interviews over Chan-
nel 9 on Mondays through Fridays,
4:30 to 5 P. M., beginning next
week.

Peggy Wood, star of the
"Mama" series, over Channel 2,
was presented yesterday with the
Royal St. Olav medal at the di-
rection of King Haakon of Norway
for bettering American-Norwegian
cultural relations in her television
role. The presentation was made
by E. S. Bont, consul general of
Norway in New York.



Bess Myerson and Jack Wilson offer shopping and fashion hints on
Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 5 o'clock over Channel 9.

Bess Myerson Is Sworn In as the City's Consumer Aide

Bess Myerson, the television and radio performer who was named Miss America in 1945, was sworn in yesterday as the city's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs. In an unusually well-attended ceremony at City Hall, presided over by Mayor Lindsay, Miss Myerson read a lengthy acceptance speech in which she pledged all her energies to the protection of local consumers. She said that "we will move . . . on individual complaints through every available power of law enforcement, when necessary," and "we will augment this through the use of all media, the press, radio, and television, to identify the culprits and their illegal methods to all the people of this city."

Miss Myerson added that she would devote her full time to the \$25,000-a-year post, and would suspend her various broadcasting activities.



The New York Times

Bess Myerson speaking at City Hall after being sworn in as Commissioner of Consumer Affairs by Mayor Lindsay.

Bess Myerson Married
Bess Myerson, television personality, and Arnold Grant, lawyer here, were married yesterday. Miss Myerson is a former Miss America. Her husband is a trustee of Syracuse University.

Bess Myerson Quits as City Consumer-Affairs Aide

By GRACE LICHTENSTEIN

Consumer Affairs Commissioner Bess Myerson submitted her resignation yesterday, effective March 31.

In a "Dear John" letter to the Mayor, the Commissioner noted that she had advised him months ago of her plans to leave office by March 3, her fourth anniversary in the post. She deferred her announcement at his request until after he had made public his own plans.

The timing of her announcement, the day after Mr. Lindsay announced he would not seek a third term, immediately stirred speculation that Miss Myerson had political plans. However, she told old newsmen at City Hall that she had "no plans to run for political office."

Achievements Praised

Acknowledging that she had been approached numerous times in the last year about the City Council presidency and other positions, she said she had declined all offers to run. "I really want me to reflect," she said in an interview, adding that she plans to write a book.

When asked about rumors that she would be accepting a job in television, where she had been a quiz-show and talk-show hostess before joining the Lindsay administration, Miss Myerson replied jokingly: "TV? That's like old husbands; you never turn."

In a warm letter accepting her resignation, Mr. Lind-

say said she had turned the Consumer Affairs Department into "the most visible, the most effective and the most admired in America," a characterization with which many activists in the consumer movement would probably agree.

The Mayor declared that Miss Myerson had "carried the day" for consumer protection through "the force of your personality, dedication to public service and your articulate advocacy of the consumer's case."

Gains Are Listed

Miss Myerson said the main reason she was leaving was that "many of the goals that we had set for ourselves have been largely achieved."

Among them, she listed the Consumer Protection Law, which is among the strongest local regulations in the country; the 33 consumer regulations under it, which specifically prohibit a variety of fraudulent and deceptive practices; unit-pricing, under which supermarkets must show the price-per-measure of many items as well as the total price, and open dating, under which perishable foods must be stamped with a final sale date.

When she first took over the combined departments of licenses and markets in March, 1969, many skeptics derisively referred to her as "whipped cream" and "window dressing," noting her earlier careers as beauty queen and television star.

But Miss Myerson, who cast



The New York Times

Bess Myerson

who made references to her Miss America title, quickly established herself as a tough, smart and politically astute administrator. With the help of a group of young Ivy League lawyers, she soon developed a national image as a guardian of consumer interests.

Throughout her tenure, Miss Myerson, now 47 years old, never hesitated to use her considerable skills as a television personality to dramatize the work of her small department.

Critics felt she was sometimes too quick to condemn a business in a press release or news conference, before the company had had a chance to defend itself.

Nevertheless, the 5 foot 10

inch Miss Myerson, often jingling with a half-dozen different chains around her neck, became a familiar sight to New Yorkers as she strode through supermarkets checking unit-price labels or marched into butcher shops to check scales.

Shoppers were never shy about gathering around her on such trips, complimenting her on her work. Elderly women especially seemed drawn to her, to pinch her cheek and, not infrequently, to suggest she run for Mayor.

Anger Is Rumored

After Mayor Lindsay lost the Florida Presidential primary last year, there were rumors that he was angry with Miss Myerson because she had not campaigned for him. (As an active supporter of Jewish causes, it was believed she would have been an asset among Miami Beach voters.)

However, Miss Myerson said yesterday that her dispute was with some of the Mayor's aides, not with him. She added that throughout the four years, Mr. Lindsay had been "resolute in supporting me and the staff" and "spared us intrusion," an allusion to politically connected lawyers and businessmen who reportedly on occasion tried to get the Mayor to ease up on consumer investigations.

Miss Myerson told reporters yesterday that she had suggested her first deputy commissioner, Henry J. Stern, to the Mayor as her successor.

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FOR INFORMATION OF LAS VEGAS, APPOINTEE BORN JULY 16, 1924, AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. CURRENT ADDRESS 3 EAST 71ST STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER 104-16-2622.

ON AUGUST 23, 1976, MRS. ARNOLD M. GRANT, ATTORNEY, INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME, 25 SUTTON PLACE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SIXTEEN YEARS. MARRIED APPOINTEE JUNE 16, 1962. SUED FOR DIVORCE IN NEVADA, CITY NOT REMEMBERED, IN 1971. COUNTER-SUIT BY APPOINTEE IN NEW YORK FOR A SETTLEMENT AND

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ALIMONY. AFTER AFFIDAVITS FROM BOTH PARTIES, APPOINTEE DROPPED COUNTER-SUIT. GRANT ADVISED HE HAD TOO MUCH PROOF AGAINST APPOINTEE FOR HER TO RECEIVE ALIMONY AND/OR SETTLEMENT. GRANT STATED EVERYONE HE KNOWS WHO KNOWS APPOINTEE CONSIDERS HER A "BITCH". SAID APPOINTEE UNLIKE MOST CELEBRITIES, ASKS AND RECEIVES REMUNERATION WHEN SPEAKING AT CHARITY DRIVES. SAID APPOINTEE "HARD AS NAILS, A LIAR, A THIEF, AND ADULTERESS". REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER RE ABOVE. STATED ABOVE WERE GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE. SAID HER FIRST AND LAST INTEREST IN EVERYTHING SHE DOES IS "WHAT CAN SHE GET OUT OF IT". STATED [REDACTED]

WHEN ASKED

IF HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE US GOVERNMENT, GRANT STATED THAT IT IS A "STUPID QUESTION THAT HAS NO MEANING", AND WOULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENT.

Per [REDACTED] NY 8/25/76
Grant declined
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ON AUGUST 23, 1976, SHANNON R. RODGERS, PARTNER, JERRY SILVERMAN, INCORPORATED, 530 SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED KNOWS APPOINTEE TEN YEARS. SAID SHE IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FASHION CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, SINCE JANUARY, 1975. STATED APPOINTEE BRIGHT, INTERESTING, GOOD EXECUTIVE, PERSONABLE, HARD WORKING. HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF. CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

ON AUGUST 23, 1976, [REDACTED] NETWORK RADIO NEWS, NBC, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED KNOWS APPOINTEE THREE MONTHS. SAID SHE GIVES THREE

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CONSUMER REPORTS PER WEEK FOR NBC RADIO NETWORK CALLED
"CONSUMERS VIEW". SAID SHE STARTED TWO MONTHS AGO.
SAID APPOINTEE FINE PERSON, KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY
CONCERNING HER. RECOMMENDS.

ON AUGUST 23, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "REDBOOK" MAGAZINE, REDBOOK PUBLISHING

COMPANY, 230 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED
KNOWS APPOINTEE FOUR YEARS. SAID APPOINTEE CONTRIBUTING
EDITOR. HAS SUBMITTED FOUR ARTICLES PER YEAR SINCE
1972. SAID APPOINTEE TERRIFIC PERSON, INTELLIGENT,
HONEST, NO BAD HABITS. CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND
LOYALTY GOOD. RECOMMENDS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE WORKS THROUGH HIM; HAS
NO OFFICE IN BUILDING, BUT SUBMITS COPY TO HIM.

ON AUGUST 23, 1976, JEROME TOOBIN, DIRECTOR, NEWS
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, WNET, 304 WEST 58TH STREET, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, ADVISED KNOWS APPOINTEE FOUR YEARS. STATED SHE
MADE SERIES FOR STATION " IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST", OCTOBER,
1974 TO APRIL, 1975. SAID APPOINTEE WAS TRUSTEE OF
STATION FOR UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME. STATED APPOINTEE

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FINE WOMAN, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, OF HIGH INTEGRITY, GREAT INDIVIDUAL. NO BAD HABITS. CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

ON AUGUST 20, 1976, MOLLY PARNES LIVINGSTON, DRESS DESIGNER, 530 SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED KNOWS APPOINTEE FIFTEEN YEARS. STATED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LUCKY TO GET SOMEONE OF HER CALIBER. - SAID APPOINTEE HARD WORKING, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, STRAIGHTFORWARD, GOOD ADMINISTRATOR, NOTHING DEROGATORY IN BACKGROUND. CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS.

ON AUGUST 24, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], NEW YORK, ADVISED KNOWS APPOINTEE SEVENTEEN YEARS. STATED APPOINTEE GREAT PERSON, HARD- WORKING, GOOD HUMAN BEING, DISCIPLINED, NEAT, COMPETENT, PROFESSIONAL, HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE, PREPARED, CAPABLE, FRIENDLY, DEVOTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE. CHARACTER, ABILITY, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

CREDIT CHECK AT NEW YORK SATISFACTORY RE APPOINTEE. ARREST CHECK AT NEW YORK NEGATIVE RE APPOINTEE, MOTHER, BELLA, FATHER, LOUIS, SISTERS, SYLVIA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FORMER SPOUSE ARNOLD.

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ON AUGUST 24, 1976, [REDACTED]

AMALGAMATED HOUSING CORPORATION, 98 VAN COURTLAND
PARK SOUTH, BRONX, NEW YORK, ADVISED LOUIS AND BELLA
MYERSON RESIDED AT ADDRESS AND ARE GOOD TENANTS.

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KNOLLS CORPORATION, 60 KNOLLS CRESCENT, BRONX, NEW YORK,
ADVISED APPOINTEE'S SISTER, SYLVIA GRACE, RESIDES IN
APARTMENT AND IS A GOOD TENANT.

ON AUGUST 24, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK, ADVISED [REDACTED] WERE.

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NEIGHBORS AND ENJOYED A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

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RKO GENERAL, HOLDING COMPANY, WOR-TV, 1440 BROADWAY, NEW
YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT PERSONNEL
RECORDS ARE DESTROYED AFTER SEVEN YEARS, AND NO RECORD OF
THE APPOINTEE IS AVAILABLE.

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ON AUGUST 24, 1976, [REDACTED]

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HAROLD RIFKIN, 30 EAST 75TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, ADVISED DR. RIFKIN ON
VACATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7, 1976.

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BESS MYERSON; SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED-AUGUST 20, 1976,
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REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, AUGUST 16,
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SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] ON AUGUST 24,
1976, CAUSED THE SEARCH OF THE INDIVIDUAL DOCKET BOOK
FOR NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT FOR NEW YORK COUNTY.

THE INDIVIDUAL DOCKET BOOK REVEALED THAT ON JULY 31,
1970, THE CASE OF ARNOLD M. GRANT VS. BESS MYERSON GRANT
WAS FILED THROUGH A SUMMONS AND RECEIVED INDEX NUMBER
33291. THIS CASE FURTHER REVEALED THAT ON OCTOBER 21,
1970, A NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE WAS FILED. A REVIEW
OF THE RECORDS OF THIS CASE REVEALED THAT NO PAPERS WERE
FILED OTHER THAN THE RECONCILIATION PAPERS AND THE

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NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE.

THE INDIVIDUAL DOCKET BOOK FURTHER REVEALED THAT ON AUGUST 12, 1970, THE CASE OF BESS MYERSON GRANT VS. ARNOLD GRANT WAS FILED AND RECEIVED INDEX NUMBER 32966. THE BOOK FURTHER REVEALED THAT ON MARCH 22, 1971, THE MOTION IN CHIEF WAS DENIED BY THE COURT. ALSO, THE RECORDS OF THIS CASE WERE SEALED PURSUANT TO A JUDICIAL ORDER BY JUDGE MORRIS E. SPECTOR WHICH WAS FILED ON MAY 7, 1971. SPECIAL AGENT WAS UNABLE TO REVIEW THESE RECORDS SINCE THE JUDICIAL SEAL WAS STILL ON THE RECORDS.

A FURTHER REVIEW OF THE INDIVIDUAL DOCKET BOOK FOR SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY, REVEALED THAT ANOTHER CASE WAS FILED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1970, FOR ARNOLD GRANT VS. BESS MYERSON GRANT. A REVIEW OF THE DOCKET BOOK FURTHER INDICATED THAT ON MAY 7, 1971, A JUDGEMENT OF DIVORCE WAS GRANTED FOR THIS CASE AND THAT ON MAY 7, 1971, THIS FILE WAS ALSO SEALED PURSUANT TO THE ORDER OF JUDGE MORRIS E. SPECTOR. THE RECORDS OF THIS CASE WERE UNAVAILABLE FOR REVIEW SINCE THE JUDICIAL SEAL WAS

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 24, 1976.

[REDACTED], CARSON CITY, NEVADA, ADVISED DIVORCE RECORDS FOR 1970 THROUGH 1972 NEGATIVE UNDER NAMES ARNOLD M. GRANT OR BESS MYERSON GRANT.

[REDACTED] BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, STATE OF NEVADA, CARSON CITY, NEVADA, ADVISED STATEWIDE INDEX OF DIVORCES COVERING PERIOD 1968 THROUGH 1975 CONTAINS NO LISTING UNDER NAMES ARNOLD M. GRANT OR BESS MYERSON GRANT.

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MYERSON GRANT.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AUGUST 24-25,

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[REDACTED] 3 EAST 71ST STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE THREE YEARS, AND SHE WAS LIVING THERE WHEN HE BECAME [REDACTED]. STATED SHE WAS A NICE LADY, WHO CAUSED NO TROUBLE, AND OWNED HER OWN COOPERATIVE APARTMENT. STATED SHE WAS ABOVE BOARD, OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY, AND RECOMMENDED HER HIGHLY FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE STATED THAT IT WAS AGAINST BUILDING POLICY TO ALLOW INTERVIEWS OF THE TENANTS, BUT ALLOWED ONE INTERVIEW OF A FRIEND OF THE APPOINTEE'S, IN APARTMENT 8A, DIRECTLY UNDER THE APPOINTEE'S APARTMENT, 9A.

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HADASSAH K. MUSHER, APARTMENT 8A, CAPTIONED ADDRESS, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOUR AND ONE HALF YEARS, AND THAT THEY HAVE MUTUAL FRIENDS. STATED APPOINTEE FINE LADY, SERIOUS, INTENSE, AMBITIOUS, INTELLIGENT, AND HONEST. STATED APPOINTEE HAS NO BAD HABITS, SHE IS AWARE OF AND IS GOOD NATURED, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND THOUGHTFUL. CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS.

MARIAN HELLER, OFFICE MANAGER, AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, 9 EAST 69TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS. STATED SHE IS SLIGHTLY ACQUAINTED WITH HER, BUT STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW HER WELL ENOUGH TO COMMENT REGARDING HER.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, CITI BANK, 399 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED APPOINTEE IS CONSUMER ADVISER AND STATED IS ABSOLUTELY FINE PERSON. HE IS SUCCESSFUL, HAS TREMENDOUS PERSONALITY, IS PROFICIENT, DISCERNING, IMAGINATIVE, RESOURCEFUL, AND AGGRESSIVE. SAID KNEW NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER, AND THAT HER

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CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY WERE EXCELLENT.

RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE HIGHLY.

[REDACTED] PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT,
CITI BANK, 399 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED
THAT APPOINTEE IS A CONSUMER CONSULTANT, AND THAT HE IS
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF HER WORK. HE SAID HE HAS KNOWN HER
SINCE SHE STARTING WORKING THERE, AND THAT SHE IS REMARKABLE,
SMART, DETERMINED, GETS THINGS DONE, VERSATILE, A GOOD
SPEAKER AND IS PRACTICAL AND DOWN TO EARTH. STATED SHE
IS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE FIRM. SAID SHE HAS NO BAD
HABITS HE IS AWARE OF, AND IS OF HIGH CHARACTER, REPUTATION,
AND LOYALTY. RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE HIGHLY. ADVISED AS SHE
IS A CONSULTANT, THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE AROUND AT THIS
PARTICULAR TIME WHO WOULD KNOW HER WELL ENOUGH TO COMMENT
REGARDING HER.

[REDACTED] TO SEYMOUR FISHMAN, PRESIDENT,
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, ADVISED HAS
KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR MANY YEARS, WOULD NOT REVEAL HOW MANY,
AND STATED THAT SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, AND HAS BEEN
FOR TWO YEARS. STATED APPOINTEE OF HIGHEST CHARACTER,

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REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. STATED WOULD RECOMMEND HER HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH US GOVERNMENT.

GEORGE H. HEYMAN, MANAGING PARTNER, LEHMAN BROTHERS, 1 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOUR YEARS, BOTH AS CLIENT AND SOCIALLY. STATED APPOINTEE INTELLIGENT, OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, STRAIGHTFORWARD, WILL DO A GOOD JOB NO MATTER WHAT SHE DOES. STATED APPOINTEE SERIOUS, RESPONSIBLE, AND HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF. STATED APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

[REDACTED] OVERSEAS SHIPHOLDING GROUP, INCORPORATED, 1114 SIXTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE EIGHT YEARS, AND CONSIDERS HER FINE PERSON, HOLDS IN HIGHEST REGARD IN EVERY WAY. STATED APPOINTEE OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, MORALITY, DEDICATION, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND STATED SHE IS INTELLIGENT, HONEST, AND CAPABLE. SAID KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING HER, AND HER CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

ALEX ROSE, PRESIDENT, UNITED HATTERS UNION, 245 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TEN

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[REDACTED] "PEOPLE" MAGAZINE, 29-56 TIME AND LIFE BUILDING, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED KNOWS APPOINTEE FOUR YEARS. CONSIDERS HER GENUINE, CONSISTENT, BOTH PRIVATELY AND IN BUSINESS. SAID DID GOOD JOB FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS IN CITY OF NEW YORK, AND SAID SHE IS TALENTED, FRIENDLY, PERSONABLE, INTELLIGENT, AND OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY. STATED NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF. CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS HIGHLY.

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[REDACTED] CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELLING SERVICE OF GREATER NEW YORK, 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED APPOINTEE SUPER PERSON, WHOM HE HAS KNOWN TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. SAID APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ON BOARD OVER TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS. STATED

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WALTER B. WRISTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CITI BANK

JOHN V. LINDSAY, FORMER MAYOR, NEW YORK CITY

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aka, Bessie
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REFERENCE

On August 20, 1976, Mr. MAX KAMPELMAN, Attorney, 600 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C., was contacted by SA [REDACTED]. He advised that he has known appointee for approximately four years, describing her as a very intelligent, patriotic and capable woman of high integrity. He stated that he felt appointee was more than suitable for a position involving trust, confidence and loyalty with the United States Government. He was aware of no excesses or bad habits of appointee and had no question regarding her character, associates or reputation. He concluded by stating that appointee has his full support in being recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative EDWARD KOCH, New York, advised
SA [] as follows on August 23, 1976:

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He has known the appointee, BESS MYERSON, personally, for a number of years. He has the highest regard for her ability and integrity. Nothing of an adverse nature concerning her character, patriotism or associates has ever been made known to him. The Congressman concluded by strongly endorsing the appointee for a responsible position of trust and confidence.

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SC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on 8/19/76, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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U.S. Senators

The following investigation was conducted by
SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on August 23, 1976:

[redacted] to U.S.
Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, advised the Senator is unavailable
and he has authorized her to state the appointee, BESS
MYERSON, has been well known to him for 25 years. She is
a very fine person, very patriotic and he would recommend
her for a position of trust and confidence.

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MR. STEEL
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RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED
AUGUST 24, 1976.

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MAIL, COLORADO, ADVISED HE HAD FIRST BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH
APPOINTEE IN LATE 1973 OR EARLY 1974 ON A SOCIAL BASIS. HE
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AND HAS HAD LIMITED CONTACT WITH HER SINCE 1974. HE RATED HER VERY HIGHLY
IN TERMS OF CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. STATED HE

NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO DOUBT APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED
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POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE APPRISED OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THOSE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY HAVE
BEEN NOTED.

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1 - Mr. Fehl
1 - Mr. Steel
1 - [redacted]

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August 30, 1976

BY LIAISON

Miss Jane Dannenhauer
Staff Assistant (Security)
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Dannenhauer:

In accordance with a request received from you on August 16, 1976, an investigation has been conducted concerning Miss Bess Myerson. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

The Internal Revenue Service, United States Secret Service, [redacted] have advised that checks of their files concerning Miss Myerson have not been completed. When these checks and additional inquiries including a review of divorce records concerning Miss Myerson and an interview with her former husband, Arnold M. Grant, have been completed, you will be advised.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Miss Jane Dannenhauer

NOTE: Miss Myerson, former Miss America and former Commissioner of Consumer Affairs in New York, New York, is being considered for a Presidential appointment, position not indicated. She was convicted in London, England, of a theft charge and a former Communist Party informant, now deceased, stated in September, 1945, that she and her family were procommunist. No information developed to further substantiate this allegation. Several interviews, three agency checks, check of divorce records, and interview of former husband outstanding.

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Enclosure

August 27, 1976

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BESS MYERSON, ALSO KNOWN AS (AKA), SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:

AUGUST 20, 1976

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DATED AUGUST 17, 1976.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AUGUST 26, 1976:

[REDACTED] LOEWS
CORPORATION, 666 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED
HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVEN YEARS. CONSIDERS HER INTELLIGENT,
HONEST, GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, ABLE, CONFIDENT, PERFORMED WELL
IN CITY HALL AND HAS EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION,
AND LOYALTY. [REDACTED] INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE OF
NEW YORK STATE, 230 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED
KNEW APPOINTEE WHILE SHE IN CITY HALL. STATED APPOINTEE
INTELLIGENT, PERCEPTIVE OF CURRENT EVENTS, TOOK OVER A NEW
DEPARTMENT AND DID OUTSTANDING JOB. STATED HAS NO BAD HABITS

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HE IS AWARE OF AND SAID CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY
ABOVE REPROACH. RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

[REDACTED] NEW YORK,
ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVEN YEARS. CONSIDERS HER
ABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS, HARDWORKING, HANDLES SELF WELL, POISED,
HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF. STATED CHARACTER, REPUTATION,
AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT AND KNOWS NOTHING TO PRECLUDE HER FROM
ACCEPTING GOVERNMENT POSITION.

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[REDACTED] NEW YORK,
ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SIX YEARS. CONSIDERS HER
HARDWORKING, CAPABLE, COMPETENT AND DID OUTSTANDING JOB FOR
NEW YORK CITY. SAID KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING
HER AND HER CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT.
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[REDACTED] RUSSELL SAGE
FOUNDATION, 230 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED
HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SEVEN YEARS. STATED APPOINTEE HARDWORKING,
DEDICATED, STRAIGHT FORWARD, HIGH PRINCIPLED, SHREWD,
AGGRESSIVE AND DYNAMIC. STATED HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE

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OF AND CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT.

RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

[REDACTED] FAMILY COURT, 60 LAFAYETTE STREET,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT CASE INVOLVING APPOINTEE
AND HUSBAND, ALLAN WAYNE, DOCKET NUMBER 3900/57 IS LOCATED
IN THE ARCHIVES AND WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS TO LOCATE.

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SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH
CP ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA WERE CONTACTED DURING
AUGUST, 1976 AND ADVISED THEY COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE APPLICANT.

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NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. AWAIT LOCATION OF
CASE IN FAMILY COURT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS REFERRED TO IN THE BODY OF THIS
TELETYPE ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED]

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BESS MYERSON AKA; SPIN; BUDED: AUGUST 20, 1976.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, AUGUST 17, 1976.

ON AUGUST 26, 1976, THOMAS HOVING, DIRECTOR, METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, FIFTH AVENUE AND 82ND STREET, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SIX YEARS. STATED APPOINTEE'S ABILITY ABSOLUTELY EXCEPTIONAL, IS A FINE INDIVIDUAL, CLEAN, RESPONSIBLE PERSON, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, IMPECCABLE, SOLID, BRIGHT, HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF. STATED APPOINTEE IS FELLOW IN PERPETUITY AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM. SAID KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING APPOINTEE AND THAT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY EXCELLENT. STATED KNOWS NOTHING TO PRECLUDE THE APPOINTEE FROM ACCEPTING A GOVERNMENT POSITION.

ON AUGUST 30, 1976, JEROME SILVERMAN, PRESIDENT, FASHION CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, ADVISED HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE 31 YEARS.

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STATED SHE IS OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, HONEST, RELIABLE, GOOD FRIEND, GREAT DRIVE, AMBITIOUS, NICE PERSON. STATED SOCIALLY AS A FINE, ENCHANTING, WITTY, DELIGHTFUL INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NO BAD HABITS HE IS AWARE OF. STATED APPOINTEE HAS APPEARED ON MANY WELL KNOWN RADIO AND TV SHOWS AND WAS PREVIOUSLY AFFILIATED WITH THE CONSUMERS UNION AND IS CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES AND THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ASSOCIATION.

STATED APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY ABOVE REPROACH, RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-11437) (P)

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BESS MYERSON
aka, Bessie
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 8/20/76, WITHOUT FAIL

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 8/25/76.

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On 8/30/76 SC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the U. S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury and was advised that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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September 7, 1976

BY LIAISON

Miss Jane Dannenhauer
Staff Assistant (Security)
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Dannenhauer:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 30, 1976, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Miss Bess Myerson. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of additional investigation which has been conducted concerning Miss Myerson.

A check of the records of the Internal Revenue Service has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

ST-108 Sincerely yours, *161-12034 28*
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Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: Divorce records concerning Miss Myerson have been sealed by judicial order and are not available for review. Her former husband, Arnold M. Grant, described her as "hard as nails, a liar, a thief, and an adulteress," however, declined to suggest any manner in which his statements could be substantiated. Additional interviews conducted favorable. IRS outstanding.

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BESS MYERSON AKA, SPI, BUDED: AUGUST 20, 1976

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, AUGUST 17, 1976.

ON SEPT. 8, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FAMILY COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY, 60 LEONARD ST.,

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED NO RECORDS RELEASED WITHOUT
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JAC
~~BESS MYERSON~~

SUMMARY

Captioned individual, who you advised was born July 16, 1924, in New York, New York, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in 1976. Summary memoranda dated August 27 and September 7, 1976, as well as an FBI letter dated September 14, 1976, relating to this investigation are attached for your review.

There is also attached, a copy of an FBI Identification Record for Bess Myerson Grant, which record may pertain to the subject of your inquiry. (161-12034)

The central files of the FBI contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request from [redacted], for Mr. Robert J. Lipshutz, Counsel to the President.

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